

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372:

Group 1. Claims 1-5, 11-13, drawn to a method of treating osteoarthritis comprising: administering, to a subject suffering from a osteoarthritis, a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically effective amount of an anti-IL-6 antibody.

Group 2. Claims 1-2, 6-9, 10-13, drawn to a method of treating osteoarthritis comprising: administering, to a subject suffering from a osteoarthritis, a pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and a therapeutically effective amount of an anti-IL-6 receptor antibody.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I (Claims 1-5, 11-13). Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional or continuation applications directed to unelected subject matter.

Applicants submit that the present invention is now in condition for allowance. Early allowance of all pending claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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